

Companies Operating Cellular Services

1510. SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether DOT is entering into cellular phone operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of companies issued licences for operating cellular phone (mobile phone) and pager services in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the details of revenue earned by the Government from them?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Department of Telecom is proposing to introduce Personal Communication Service (PCS) in important towns in India with facility of mobile and roaming. This service is expected to provide variety of services like voice and high speed data, flexible billing, priority calls etc.

(c) 21 companies have been issued licences for operating cellular phones (mobile phones) and 21 companies have been issued licences for pager services in the country.

(d) Names of the companies (Licences) operating citywise and Telecom Circlewise for Cellular phones (Mobile phones) are given in the statement-I enclosed and for Pager Services (Radio Paging) are given in statement-II enclosed.

(e) The revenue earned through collection of licence fee from the Cellular licences upto June, 1997 from Cellular phones and Radio Paging Services is Rs. 2655.20 crores and Rs. 99.68 crores respectively. This includes penalties due to delayed payment.

Statement-I

Licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service

Four Metro Cities

Metro City	Name of the Company
Bombay	BPL System & Projects Ltd.
Bombay	Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd.
Calcutta	Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd.
Calcutta	Usha Martin Telecom Ltd.
Delhi	Bharti Cellular Ltd.
Delhi	Sterling Cellular Ltd.
Madras	RPG Cellular Ltd.
Madras	Skycell Communications Pvt. Ltd.

Twenty Territorial Telecom Circles

Circle	Name of the Company
Assam	Reliance Telecom Ltd.
Andhra Pradesh	J.T. Mobiles Ltd.
Andhra Pradesh	Tata Communications Pvt. Ltd.
Bihar	Reliance Telecom
Bihar	Koshika Telecom
Gujarat	Birla AT & T Communication Ltd.
Gujarat	Fascel Ltd.
Haryana	Escotel Mobile Comm. Pvt. Ltd.
Haryana	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
Himachal Pradesh	Bharti Telenet Ltd.
Himachal Pradesh	Reliance Telecom Ltd.
Karnataka	Modicom Network Pvt. Ltd.
Karnataka	J.T. Mobiles Ltd.
Kerala	Escotel Mobile Comm. Pvt. Ltd.
Kerala	US West BPL Cellular
Madhya Pradesh	Cellular Communications India Ltd.
Madhya Pradesh	Reliance Telecom Ltd.
Maharashtra	Birla AT&T Comm. Ltd.
Maharashtra	US West BPL Cellular
North East	Hexacom India Ltd.
North East	Reliance Telecom Ltd.
Orissa	Koshika Telecom
Orissa	Reliance Telecom Ltd.
Punjab	J.T. Mobiles Ltd.
Punjab	Modicom Network Pvt. Ltd.
Rajasthan	Hexacom India Ltd.
Rajasthan	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
Tamil Nadu	US West BPL
UP (West)	Koshika Telecom
UP (East)	Koshika Telecom
UP (East)	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
West bengal	Reliance Telecom Ltd.

Statement-II

Status of Radio Paging Service in 27 Cities as on 30.6.1997.

S.No.	City	Name of the Company
1	2	3
1.	Ahmedabad	Microwave Comm. Ltd. Hutchison Max Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd. RPG Paging Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.

1	2	3
2. Amritsar	ABC Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Beltron Telecom Ltd. Punwire Paging Ltd.	
3. Bangalore	Page Point Services Pvt. Ltd. Telesistem Pvt. Ltd. Hutchison Max Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.	
4. Bhopal	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Telecom Informatics Pvt. Ltd. Nice Pvt. Ltd.	
5. Calcutta	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Microwave Comm. Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd. West on Pages Pvt. Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.	
6. Chandigarh	ABC Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Hutchison Max Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.	
7. Chennai	Telesistem Pvt. Ltd. RPG Paging Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.	
8. Coimbatore	Telesistem Pvt. Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. Telecom Informatics Pvt. Ltd.	
9. Delhi	Microwave Comm. Ltd. ABC Comm. Pvt. Ltd. RPG Paging Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd. Eider PWI Paging Ltd.	
10. Ernakulam	Telesistem Pvt. Ltd. BPL Systems and Projects Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.	
11. Hyderabad	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Hutchison Max Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd. Page Point Services Pvt. Ltd.	
12. Indore	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd.	
13. Jaipur	ABC Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.	

1	2	3
14. Kanpur	ABC Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd.	
15. Lucknow	Modi Korea Telecom Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd. Weston Pagers Pvt. Ltd.	
16. Ludhiana	ABC Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Hutchison Max Ltd. Beltron Telecom Ltd.	
17. Madurai	Telesistem Pvt. Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd.	
18. Mumbai	Page Point Services Pvt. Ltd. Matrix Paging Pvt. Ltd. Microwave Comm. Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd. Eider PWI Paging Ltd.	
19. Nagpur	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd. Beltron Telecom Ltd. Nice Pvt. Ltd.	
20. Patna	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Beltron Telecom Ltd. Telecom Informatics Pvt. Ltd.	
21. Pune	Matrix Paging Pvt. Ltd. Hutchison Max Ltd. DSS Mobile Comm. Ltd. Page Point Services Pvt. Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.	
22. Rajkot	Matrix Paging Pvt. Ltd. Microwave Comm. Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd.	
23. Surat	Microwave Comm. Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd. Beltron Telecom Ltd. Matrix Paging Pvt. Ltd.	
24. Trivandrum	Telesistem Pvt. Ltd. BPL Systems and Projects Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd.	
25. Vadodara	Microwave Comm. Ltd. Hutchison Max Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd. Matrix Paging Pvt. Ltd. Eider PWI Comm. Ltd.	
26. Varanasi	ABC Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd. Beltron Telecom Ltd.	
27. Visakhapatnam	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. West on Pagers Pvt. Ltd.	

Status of Radio Paging Services in Telecom Circles as on 30.6.97.

S.No.	Circle	Name of the Company	Remarks
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	Matrix Paging Pvt. Ltd. Nice Pvt. Ltd.	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd.	Licence Terminated
3.	Assam	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Nice Pvt. Ltd.	
4.	Bihar	Vacant	
5.	Gujarat	Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd.	
6.	Haryana	Punwire Paging Ltd.	
7.	Himachal Pradesh	Punwire Paging Ltd.	Licence Terminated
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Vacant ABC Comm. Pvt. Ltd. Nice Pvt. Ltd.	
9.	Karnataka	BPL Wireless Comm. Ltd. Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd. Vacant	
10.	Kerala	BPL Wireless Comm. Ltd. Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd. Vacant	LOI* to ITI Ltd.
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd.	
12.	Maharashtra	Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd. Vacant	
13.	North East	Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd.	Licence Terminated
14.	Orissa	Microwave Comm. Ltd. Telesystems Pvt. Ltd.	
15.	Punjab	Punwire Paging Ltd. Hutchison Max Pvt. Ltd.	
16.	Rajasthan	Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd. Modi Korea Telecom Ltd.	LOI* To ITI Ltd.
17.	TamilNadu	BPL Wireless Comm. Ltd. Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd. Vacant	
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Punwire Mobile Comm. Ltd. Microwave Comm. Ltd.	
19.	West Bengal	Modi Korea Telecom Ltd. Easycall Comm. Pvt. Ltd.	Licence Terminated

*Letter of Intent.

Power Generation Cost in Private Sector

1511. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any preventive measures to control power generation cost in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the difference of power generation costs between public sector and private sector at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) In order to bring in greater transparency and competitiveness in the award of private sector power projects by generating companies, competitive bidding has been made mandatory from 18.2.1995. For power projects, where MOUs by the states had been entered into prior to this date, the states had been asked on 28.6.1996 to ensure the award of Engineering Procurement Contracts through a process of International Competitive Bidding. In addition,